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East Oakland Teacher Receives National Award

St. Paul, Minn. — Jeffrey Michael Reies Duncan-Andrade, Assistant Professor of Raza Studies and Education Administration and Interdisciplinary Studies and East Oakland (Calif.) high school teacher has been selected to receive the 2010 G. Bernard Gill Urban Leadership Award. The award, which is given by the National Youth Leadership Council and the State Farm® Companies Foundation, will be presented on March 26 at the 21st Annual National Service-Learning Conference in San Jose, Calif.

The award honors individuals, who, by example, have played a leadership role in urban schools, communities, and the lives of young people.

Says Duncan-Andrade, “It is my firm belief that, as educators, we are charged with providing young people the opportunity to connect what they learn in the classroom with the world around them.”

For the past 18 years Duncan-Andrade has practiced and studied the use of “critical pedagogy” in urban schools, challenging dominant and traditional educational beliefs. He currently teaches English at Mandela High School in East Oakland.

He has lectured around the world about the elements of effective teaching in schools serving poor and working class children. His research interests and publications include urban schooling and curriculum change, urban teacher development and retention, critical pedagogy, and cultural and ethnic studies. He has authored numerous journal articles and chapters on the conditions of urban education, urban teacher support and development, and effective pedagogy in urban settings.

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